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zippy little top-down convertible Mustang with this huge orange full moon before us. Wind therapy at its finest!



Dannon was one of the dance instructors

Some things made this a memorable weekend. The pine pollen all over everything. Joyce's flute playing. The fire, very strong though short-lived. The prayers & quiet times. The visiting Creek elder Terry. Coals from the fire meant as a gift for someone in need of the healing spirit in them. The little bat in the council house, taken somewhere safe during ceremony.



Ken Quiet River, Jeremy, Joyce Spirit Wind, and Shawnee Barfield at the drum

I look over the grounds & see nothing special there. We have no pool or carnival rides, no magnificent scenery, nothing that would make this a tourist destination. Yet there is something here, some spirit that makes me want to return over & over. Maybe there is a healing spirit here, for someone who does not realize how much they need it.

Lee Spotted Pony



MEDICINE KEEPERS BAND IS ACTIVE:

Ayanvli Rick, band chief of the Medicine Keepers Band of Sedona, Arizona continues to be active as it progresses towards full band status. With 17 members and regular meetings and ceremonies, the band is growing in a functional way to represent the tribe at large in this south-western part of "Turtle Island". This, band, as is the tribe as a whole, is intertribal in nature, but still with a strong Cherokee dominance in culture and ceremonies. Among the ceremonies emphasized by this band are those that occur around the summer and winter solstices.

This band puts a great emphasis on the making and wearing of regalia, which is important to use during ceremony. Also a new ceremonial lodge has been built to facilitate ceremony.

Chief Rick has been plagued by an ankle injury that has kept her somewhat restricted in physical activities, but still does what she can to oversee

and give counsel regarding the activities of the band.

Some of the activities include use of the drum (heart beat of Earth Mother) and songs and chants that are traditional, such as the "Harvest Song" and "Planting Song". # # #

Treasurer's Report (condensed)

GENERAL FUND

Balance 1/31/01	4160.70
Donations	3255.00
Income Balance	7415.70
Transfer to Grounds Fund	250.00
Expenses	3257.86
Ending Balance 6/30/11	3907.84

GROUNDS FUND

Balance 1/31/11	188.76
Transfer from General Fund	250.00
Transfer from Money Market	250.00
Expenses	274.19
Ending Balance 6/30/11	414.57

CHIEF'S PETTY CASH

Balance 1/31/11	123.90
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Account Closed

Ending Balance 6/30/11 0 (Transferred to General Fund)

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance 1/31/11	21393.44
Transfer to Grounds Fund	250.00
Interest Paid	23.47
Ending Balance 6/30/11	21166.91

Money Market Funds are comprised of General Fund, Scholarship, New Hope and Blue Heron Medicine Lodge. A complete financial report will be read at the October Meeting at the National Tribal Grounds, and by contacting the Treasurer at 229-574-5120 or my email address: pamstandingbird@windstream.net. # # #